CHAPTER V-Lawrence is detected as epy by Captain Grant of the British trmy, who agrees to a duel. (Continued from Yesterday)

What her strange words might mean could not be interpreted; I made no attempt to comprehend. Now I must find means of escape, and learn the truth later. I opened the door rautiously, and stepped without, every nerve taut, every muscle braced for action. It was a star-lit night, and the numerous rear windows of the man-sion cast a glave of light for some dis-tance. The dark shadow of a high tence alone promised concealment, and, holding my sword tightly, I crept in that direction, breathing again more freely as I reached its protection unpbserved. There was a guard stationed before the stable door—a Grenadier, from the outline of his hat—and others, a little group, were sitting on the grass a dozen feet away. If they had act been already warned I might gain a horse by boldness, but the probabilits was that here was where Carter had mounted his squad, and I would merely walk forward into a trap. I had better chance the possibility that some visitor had left a horse tied in front, or to one of the stands. With

skirted the house, making myself as inconspicuous as possible. There were soldiers on the outside steps; I heard their voices without seeing them, and was thus driven to run swiftly across un open space, memory guiding me toward the opposite pavilion. Breatheas, with heart beating fast, I crouched low in the shadow, endeavoring to make out my more immediate sucroundings. There were no horses there, but I could clearly distinguish. the stomping of restless hoofs some-where to the right. As I straightened up, determined upon discovering an empty saddle if possible, the figure of man suddenly loomed directly, in front, advancing toward me. In startled surprise I took one step backward, but was too late. Already the eyes of the newcomer had perceived my presence, and he sprang forward,

"Hold on there! hold on!" he comenunded shortly. "Who are you? What the devil are you skulking about out here for?'

Eugging at his sword.

It was Grant beyond a doubt; I would recognize the peculiar snarl of that voice in a thousand. He had not gone upstairs then; had not rejoined the lady in the dining-room. What would she think of his absence? What would she do when she realized Its probable meaning? Someway I was not frightened, at thus meeting him. but glad-if those others would only keep away, and let us settle the affair between us. Here was his test-a coward would cry out an alarm, summon the guard to his assistance, but, if the fellow's nerve only held, or if he hated me badly enough, he'd fight it out alone. All this came to me in a fiash, and the words of challenge spoken before he oven grasped the thought of who I was.

"So I have discovered you, have I? Why did you fail to keep our appointment within?"

He drew up sharply with an oath, peering at me through the dark, bewildered by my speech.

"The spy! Ye gods, what luck! Do you mean to insinuate I ran away,

"How else could I interpret it?" I questioned coolly, determined to taunt | to end the affair. him to action. "I waited where you told me till I was tired. Perhaps you will oblige me by explaining your pur-

He muttered something, but without comprehending its purport I went on threateningly:

"And I think you made use of the word spy just now. Did you mistake

"Mistake you? No; I'd know you in hell," he burst forth, anger making his voice tremble. "I called you a spy, and

you are one, you sneaking night rat. You never waited for me in the parfor; if you had you'd now be under ar-

"Oh, so that was the plan?" "Yes, that was it, Mister Lieutenant

"Well, Grant," I said sternly, "I've got just one answer to make you. You can call your guard, or you can fight It out with me here. Whichever you choose will depend upon whether you

nearer, watching him as best I could in the dark. "You are an unmitigated llar, sir," and with sudden sweep of the arm I struck him with open ha Probably you will realize what that

For an instant he remained so still doubted him, even held him cheap; then the breath surged through his clinched teeth in a mad oath. He surged toward me, but my sword was out, the steel blocking his advance.

"You-you actually mean fight?" "Why not? Isn't that cause enough?

if not I will furnish more."

"I do not fight spies-" "Stop! That silly charge is merely an excuse. You do not believe it yourself. You wanted a quarrel yonder in the ball-room. The expression of your eyes was an insult. Don't evade now. am here, wearing the uniform of the British army. I have every right of a zentleman, and you will cross swords, or I'll brand you coward wherever there is an English garrison."

I saw the sudden flash of his drawn olade, and flung up my own in guard. "Wait; not here, Captain," I insisted "We're far too near your watchful friends yonder; besides the light is poor. Let's try our fortunes beyond the pavilion, where it can be simply man to man."

He turned without a word, and I followed, eager enough to have done with the business. The stars gleamed on the naked weapons held in our hands, but we exchanged no words until we had rounded the corner and come forth into the open space be-

CMAPTER VI.

The One Hope. As he stopped and faced about, I as instantly halted.

"Perhaps this spot may satisfy your requirements," he said sarcastically. "Tis far enough away at least, and the light is not so bad."

"It will do," I replied, and threw my scarlet jacket on the grass. "Strip to the white, sir, and then we can see fairly well where to strike. That's better. On guard!"

He came at me tercely enough, con-fident of his mastery of the weapon, and, no doubt, expecting me to prove an easy victim of his skill. His first onslaught, a trick thrust under my guard, caused me to give back a step or two, and this small success yielded him the over-confidence I always prefer that an opponent have. I was young, agile, cool-headed, instructed since early boyhood by my father, a this in mind, and in order that I might better study the man's style. I remained strictly on defense, giving way slightly before the confident play of his steel, content with barely turning aside the gleaming point before it pricked me. At first he mistook this for weakness, sneering at my parries, as he bore in with increasing reckless-

"A club would be more in your line, I take it, Mr. Lieutenant Fortesque," he commented sarcastically, "but I'll play with you a while for practiceah! that was a lucky turn of the wrist! So you do know a trick or two? Perhaps you have a parry for that thrust as well! Ah! an inch more and I'd have pricked you-your defense is not bad for a boy! By all the gods, I tasted blood then-now I'll give you a harder nut to crack!"

I was fighting silently, with lips closed husbanding my breath, scarcely hearing his comments. Every the weapon. Inch by inch, my fingers stroke, every thrust, gave me insight of his school, and instinctively my blade leaped forth to turn aside his point. He was a swordsman, stronger than I, and of longer reach, yet his keeping well hidden below the bulge tricks were old, and he relied more on of the side. The voices above droned strength than subtlety of fence. He countered with skill, laughing and taunting me, until his jeers made me

"By God! you have a right pretty thrust from the shoulder," he ex-

play!" need it now," I replied shortly. "The boy's play is over with."

Step by step I began sternly to force him so refentlessly as to hush his an' somethin' hit the water." speech. Twice we circled, striking, countering, fighting, our blades glittering ominously in the starlight, our the other way." breathing labored with the fierceness of the fighting. Both our swords tasted blood, he slicing my forearm, I piercing his shoulder, yet neither woun floed to bring any cessation of effort. We were mad now with the fever of it, and struggling to kill, panting flercely, our faces flushed, the perspiration dripping from our bodies, our swords darting swiftly back and forth. He was my match, and more

snu. Lau we been permitted to go on to the end, would have worn me down by shear strength. Suddenly, above the clash of steel, came the sound of volces; our blades were struck up, and the dark forms of men pressed in be-

"Stop it, you hotheads!" some one-commanded gruffly. "Hold your man, Folston; until I get at the reason for this fighting. Who are you? Oh, Grant! What's the trouble now? The old thing, ch?"

I had no desire to wait his answer, confident that Grant was sufficient



Had Gained a Hundred Feet Before Those Behind Me Had Grasped the Meaning of My Unexpected Flight.

angry to blurt out everything he knew. They were all facing his way, actuated by the recognition. Breathless still, yet quick to seize the one and only chance left, I grabbed up my jacket from the grass, and sprang into the darkness. I had gained a hundred feet before those behind grasped the the "Rose of Panama" company. meaning of my unexpected flight, and then the tumult of voices only sent me flying faster, realizing the pursuit. The only open passage led directly toward the river, and I raced through the black night down the slope as don. though all the flends of hell were aftthere was no firing, and was far tell. enough ahead to be invisible by the time I attained the bank. An open barge lay there, a mere black smudge, and I stumbled blindly across this. dropping silently over its side into the water. It was not thought, but breathless inability to attempt more, which kept me there, clinging to a slat on the side of the barge, so completely submerged in the river, as to be invisible from above. Swearing flercely, my pursuers stormed over the barge, swinging their swords along the edges to be sure I was not there. One blade pricked me slightly, but I held on, sinking yet deeper into the stream. I could see the dim outline of heads peering over, but was not discovered. The same gruff voice which had interrupted the duel broke through

"I tell you he turned to the left; I saw him plainly enough. What did you say the fellow's name was.

"How do I know? He called himself Fortesque."

sent out hunting after. Well, he the management of Henry W. Savage rather famous swordsman, in the mysteries of the game, yet I preferred that Grant should deem me a novice. With have disappeared so suddenly. Comon, all of you, except Moore and Cartaret, and we'll beat the shore."

! Ecara them scramble across to the bank, but there were sounds also proving the guards left behind were still on the deck above me. Then ope of the fellows sat down on the edge of the barge, his feet dangling within a few inches of my head.

"Might as well take it easy, Bill," he sald lazily. "They're like to be an hour layin' hands on the lad, an' all we got to do is see he don't fox back this way. Got any tobacco, mate?"

The other must have produced the necessary weed, for there was a scraping of flint and steel, a gleam of fire glinting on the water, and then the pungent odor wafted to me in puff of smoke. With one hand, I unbuckled my sword belt, letting it, sword and all, sink silently into the river. I must cross to the opposite bank somehow, and would have to dispense with gripping the parrow slat to which I clung, I worked slowly toward the stern of the barge, making not so much as a ripple in the water, and along in conversation, of which I caught a few words.

"Who was he? You mean the lad fight grimly, with fresh determination they're after down yonder? Oh, I mind now, you came up later after we'd started the chase. Holy Mother, I State of Texas, made an applidon't know much myself, now I come claimed. "Been out before, I take it. to think of it. He looked like a Brit-But I'll show you something you never | isher, what I saw of him, an' he was learned. Odds, I'll call your boy's fightin' with a Captain of Rangers-Grant was the name; maybe you know "Better hold your breath, for you'll the man?-behind one of the stands." "They'll never get him," returned

the other solemnly. "Because it's my notion he swum the fighting, driving my point against for it. I was closest down the bank,

"But them's the Jerseys over youder; if he was a spy he'd be headin'

"It's little he'd think of the way with the gang of us yelpin' at his heels. Besides, there's plenty of his kind over in those Jerseys who'd take good care of the likes of him." "But there's a guard stationed

across yonder." "Pish, a corporal's squad, just about opposite at the ferry landin', an' a company of Yagers down at Glouces-

however, and this knowledge of where the British pickets were stationed was exactly the information I most re-quired. I had no degire to cross the Delaware, yet apparently in that di-rection lay the only remaining avenue

At the lower end of the float I man aged to silently remove my boots, and then waited, listening to the move-ments of the men above. I must have clung there ten minutes, expecting every moment the party scouring the shore would return, yet not daring to make the venture with those fellows sitting there, and allently gazing out across the water. At last I heard them et to their feet, and tramp about on the flat deck of the barge, the low Five cents per line each insertion. I could hope for no better time. Filling my lungs with air, I sank below rising, struck boldly out into the full aweep of the current.

(To Be Continued Tomorrow.)

PLAYS AND PLAYERS.

Gaby Deslys is to make an extended tour of America later on.

Lewis Waller is to make a revival of "Henry V." in New York. Charles Dickson's next play will be alled an "American Girl."

Valerie Berger is going to take a stock company to Honolulu. Chapine has been re-engaged for

Percy Haswell is to have another summer stock company in Toronto. Robert Loraine is to make a reviva! of "Man and Superman" in Lon

Margaret Anglin denles the report er me. I heard shouts, oaths, but of her -co-starring with Robert Man-

> The novel of "The Hungry Heart," by David Graham Phillips, has been dramatized.

> Harry Lauder is to play an American engageemnt this season and the coming one. Wilton Lackaye is to appear in

> audeville in a playlet called "Quits," by Hall McAllister. Gertrude Hoffman has sailed for

> Europe to secure a new plece for a summer run in New York. Robert Hilliard, in "A Fool There Was," is completing a coast-to-coast

tour under Klaw and Erlanger. H. V. Esmond, the noted English dramatist, has written a new threeact play, called "A Young Man's Fan-

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